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Dear Director Juen,

Our names are Richard and Jean Garlie and our address is HC75 Box2516, Chama, NM 87520. We are protesting the proposed sales of parcels NM-201410-001, 004 thru 015 that will be offered for lease in the BLM Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale on October 22, 2014. We are requesting that these remaining parcels, east of the Continental Divide, be deferred on the same grounds that the other 22 parcels were deferred. The same concerns regarding the geology and geography of the location apply.

We are very concerned about the environmental, social and socio-economic impacts of the fracking procedures used by the oil companies. Fracking requires tremendous amounts of water, and since this area of the Southwest has been undergoing severe drought conditions for years it is hard to understand how this sale could even be considered. Much of the state depends on the meagre amount of water that is currently available from the Rio Chama and the risk of increased pollution due to fracking is great. The environmental studies have not been complete enough and extensive enough to know exactly what the results of hydraulic fracturing are. However, given the reports from across the US as well as from Scandinavia and Europe, the results of fracking have led to major health concerns, increased seismic activity and a host of environmental and social ills.

We have many major concerns about the negative consequences of leasing of the above named parcels. The infrastructure of the rural area cannot adequately support the increased pressures that the oil companies create with their drilling and fracking operations. There is not enough oversight to ensure that the roads will be properly maintained and to ensure that the oil companies adhere to their promises of maintenance and cleanup. The influx of workers brings increased demands on the medical, educational, housing and feeding resources of the community, and the areas in question do not have the resources to meet these demands. The areas in question also hold environmental riches in the way of wildlife, dark skies, beautiful vistas, and water that will all be permanently disrupted if the oil companies are allowed to take control of these lands.

In closing, we again sincerely request that these parcels be deferred. We can never reclaim the environment or the health of our residents that we will sacrifice by allowing the lease of these

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parcels. Once gone they are gone not only for us but for all future generations. Please defer these parcels.

Sincerely,   
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